



Consignes : 1. L'usage de la calculatrice programmable est interdit  
3. Le téléphone est interdit dans les salles

2. Le silence est obligatoire

Durée de l'épreuve : 2 heures

## I. Compétence Interprétative (30 pts.)

### Reading comprehension

#### A- After reading the text answer the questions. (20 pts.)

A few months ago, Pedro Ramirez, 45, lost his job in a grocery store. To pay the bills, he got a part-time job at night. Several days later, Pedro's wife, Luisa, gave him a big surprise. She was pregnant with their sixth child. Pedro was happy but worried. "How am I going to support another child without a full-time job?" he wondered.

That evening, Pedro and Luisa got some more news. A fire was coming near their home. By the next morning, the fire was very close. The police ordered every family in the neighborhood to evacuate. The Ramirez family moved quickly. While Pedro was gathering their legal documents, Luisa grabbed the family photographs, and the children put their pets – a cat and a bird – in the family truck. Then, the family drove to the home of their eldest daughter, one hour away.

About 24 hours later, Pedro and Luisa got very bad news. The fire destroyed their home. They lost almost everything. With no home, only part-time work, and a baby coming, Pedro was even more worried about the future.

For the next three months, the Ramirez family stayed with their daughter while workers were rebuilding their home. Many generous people helped them during that difficult time. Friends took them shopping for clothes. Strangers left gifts at their door. A group of children collected \$500 to buy bicycles for the Ramirez children.

Because of the help from friends and neighbors, the Ramirez family was able to rebuild their lives. Two months after the fire, Luisa mailed out holiday cards with this message: "Home is more than a building". "Home is wherever this is love."

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### Questions

1. How many children does Luisa have?
2. What did the police tell the families in the neighborhood to do?
3. What type of car does the Ramirez family own?
4. How was the Ramirez family able to reconstruct a new way of life?
5. What would you suggest as a suitable title for the text?

#### B- Summarize the text in four (4) complete sentences (10 pts.)

## II. Compétence Linguistique (30 pts.)

### Use of the language

#### A- Choose the best answer among the possibilities below. (10 pts.)

1. Don't take that money from the table. It's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) me                      b) mine                      c) my
2. Be careful! You \_\_\_\_\_ that plate!  
a) are dropping                      b) are going to drop                      c) drop
3. By the time I got there, Bill \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) had already left                      b) left                      c) is leaving
4. Are you going shopping tonight? No. I \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
a) went                      b) have gone                      c) had been going
5. Does your son study very much? No, he spends his time \_\_\_\_\_ television.  
a) to watch                      b) watching                      c) watch

**B- Put the verbs in parentheses into the correct form. (10 pts.)**

- 1. My puppies \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) the whole meat if it tasted delicious.
- 2. John \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) you some money if you asked him.
- 3. He will open the door if he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the key.
- 4. If he saved some money, he \_\_\_\_\_ (able) to go on holiday.
- 5. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a toothache, you would have gone to see a dentist.

**C- Choose an appropriate adjective from the list, turn it into an adverb and put it in the correct sentence. (10 pts.)**

- careless – angry – fluent – polite – careful – heavy**
- 1. If you ask \_\_\_\_\_, you will get an answer.
  - 2. The man drove \_\_\_\_\_ and crashed his car.
  - 3. The teacher shouted \_\_\_\_\_ because the students were making too much noise.
  - 4. Jonathan speaks English \_\_\_\_\_. He spent several years working in the States.
  - 5. Read \_\_\_\_\_ before answering the questions.

**III. Compétence pragmatique (20 pts.)**

**Problem solving situation**

You are involved in a two-car crash one morning on your way to work. Accidentally, you hit and killed a pedestrian on the spot. As you get out of your car, you are suddenly caught by a tearful woman, the other vehicle driver, who strongly believes that she killed that pedestrian. You are only three on the scene: the woman driver, the dead body and you. Since the lady is convinced that she killed the pedestrian, what do you intend to do? (7 lines minimum)

**IV. Compétence discursive et argumentative (20 pts.)**

**Free Writing**

**Choose one of the two topics then write a ten-line essay about it.**

- 1- What career are you going to choose after high school? Why?
- 2- Which sport would you like to practice as a professional? Come up with strong arguments to justify your choice.